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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 30 (Cancelled)

Claim 31 (Original) A computer architecture for a service provider network for monitoring resource usage of a plurality of remotely located resource consuming devices comprising:

    a plurality of resource meters, operatively connected to a plurality of remotely located resource consuming devices and to an internal computer network via at least one of recorder translator, network server, dialer and applications server, said plurality of resource meters connectable to at least one of a public switched telephone network and a wireless communications network and in operative communication with at least one server;

    an area computer network connected to said internal computer network, said internal computer network connected to at least one of database server, application server, web server, ftp site server;

    a first firewall is connected to at least one of said web server and said ftp site server;

    at least one of first service provider network computer, in operation, receiving a resource usage data query from a user via a global network, retrieving the resource usage data responsive to the resource usage data query entered by the user, and transmitting resource management information based on the resource usage data collected from the plurality of resource meters to the user via the global network via first firewall;

    a modem is used by the user to connect to the global network and to the resource meter directly;

    a second firewall is connected to at least one of said database server, said application server, said web server, said ftp site server and said resource usage data query is transmitted through the second firewall;

    at least one second service provider network server includes a World Wide Web server, said service provider network site includes a World Wide Web site;

a backup server is connected to said internal computer network and to a backup storage facility.

Claims 32-52 (Cancelled)